

St Patrick's Parish Bulletin

2nd Sunday Advent C – 8th December 2024

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MASSES and SERVICES

+Monday+

9.30 am Rosary

10.00 am Daily Mass

+Wednesday+

9.30 am Rosary

10.00 am Daily Mass

+Thursday+

9.30 am Rosary

10.00 am Daily Mass

+Saturday+

4.00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass

+Sunday+

9.30 am Sunday Mass

Monday: *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Friday: *St Lucy* **Saturday:** *St John of the Cross*

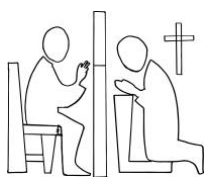
Today is Caring Sunday

RIP: Janette Verrecchia, Teresa Dunn, Patrician Waters (Coatbridge), Maud Ferrie, Joseph Cairns (Lady St Annes), Pat Ross, May McCulloch (St Ignatius), Rosemary Elliot, John Swan.

MONTH'S MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Jim Evans, Edward Gunn, William McGowan, Charles, John and Ellen Felvus, Billy Higgins, Eddie Brown, Tommy Campbell, John and Alice McBride, Jean Cashmore, John and Delia Doyle.

SICK: Liz Phillips, Maureen Thompson, Janette Connor, Mary Jackson, John Dobbin, Marie McDonald, Roseleen Daly-Higgins, Frank Cunningham. Felix Rocks.



CONFESSIONS

During the Rosary on Thursday morning and 3.30 to 4.00 before the Vigil Mass

The Diocesan Choir will present its annual carol service in three churches across the diocese.

This year's service, entitled **SILENT NIGHT**, will take place in Our Lady & St John's, Blackwood on Wednesday 11 December at 7:30pm, St Mary's, Lanark on Sunday, 15 December at 7:30pm and the Cathedral, Motherwell on Wednesday, 18 December at 7:30pm

Admission is free and all are encouraged to support this event as part of their preparation for Christmas.



Visit our Parish Website

www.stpatricksshieldmuir.co.uk

Parish bulletins and other information will be uploaded here. **Please get in touch with Fr Mallya if you have notices for the website.**

St Thomas' School Giving tree

The School is needing your support once again this year to help much needed children with a gift for Christmas. There is a Christmas Tree at the back of the Church with gift tags on it, each has a request for certain gifts for the children.

If you can help with this appeal, please take a tag

and return the requested gift to the box

provided at the back of the Church. All items should be handed in by the 14th December and be placed in this box. If all the tags are taken, perhaps you would consider donating a food voucher from Farmfoods or a voucher from

Amazon.

Your help over the years has made such a difference to much needed families at Christmas.

Thank you in anticipation.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

All the memorial plaques are finished and will be delivered to us the week before Christmas.

As the weather is not the best for installing the plaques due to frost, we will have them to view in the Sacristy. If you have a mobile number and/or are on WhatsApp, I will send you a photo of your plaque(s). We appreciate your patience on this matter but at this time of year memorial and engraving services are in high demand. Many thanks to James and Kirsty for all they do for our Parish regarding fund-raising. We still have 45 places left in our Memorial Garden for plaques, perhaps you would like to purchase one as a Christmas present! If you would like an order form, please speak to me, John McLelland, or call me on 07906 871664.

INVITATION FROM THE PUPILS OF ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

We would like to invite the Senior Citizens of our Parish Communities to St Thomas' Primary School on Monday 9th December at 1.30 pm where they will be entertained by our Primary 4-7 children as they perform their Christmas Show for the very first time!

NO ONE WRAPS LIKE AN ELF

You will be treated to a little festive treat and some of St Thomas' hospitality.

To allow us to cater for this event, please take a copy of the leaflet at the back of the Church and call the School Office on 01698 274960 or add your name to the list provided.

We look forward to welcoming our Senior Citizens of our Parish Communities to our Christmas Show.
From the boys and girls of St Thomas' Primary School

We invite you to explore with Khawla Badwan and Alison Phipps their recently published *Keep Telling of Gaza* in which they share their 'poetic cries' as they, 'workers with words', seek to express 'Gaza's truth' with words..... borne out of witnessing with grief, love, pain, and commitment. Words carrying wounds, screams, cries, flames, as well as literal descriptions from the livestreaming of death and destruction in Gaza. Words that offer the unspeakable, speaking up and breaking down in different forms of accountable witnessing. Full details on a poster at the back of the church and there is a link here as well:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcqudCgqTkjEteuYcmxSQh3TxmurKR6FGmC>

Vocations Evening

A meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th December at 7.00 pm in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral for those in our diocese who feel called to the priesthood. This informal evening will begin with a short time of prayer and provide an opportunity for anyone considering a vocation to the priesthood to ask questions, come together and learn a bit more about priesthood and the discernment process. If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood but can't make it along to the meeting on 17th December, please email Fr Sean Wyllie, Diocesan Vocations Promoter: frwyllie@rcdom.org.uk

Cash Bingo every Wednesday.
Eyes down at 7.30 pm. Come along and enjoy a chat a cup of tea and, of course, a game of Bingo! Everyone over the age of 18 years is most welcome to play.

CHURCH STEWARDS

Our group of stewards is gradually getting smaller and with Winter almost upon us, we'd like to increase our numbers to cover any sickness or absence which may affect us during this period. If you could spare one hour each month to cover either the 4.00 pm Vigil or the 9.30 am Sunday Mass, please give your name and telephone number to John McLelland letting him know which Mass you prefer to cover. Many thanks!

CHURCH DECORATIONS

Could you spare a little time after Mass on Monday to help decorate the Church for Christmas? It will not take long, especially if we get a good number of people! Many thanks in anticipation.

LITTLE CHARITY SHOP

Opening times: Tuesday and Thursday 11.00 am to 2.00 pm



Church Heating

Please note access to the Church for weekday Masses will be through the side door of the Church. This should help maintain the heat in the Church over the Winter months.

CHURCH STALL

The stall now has many Christmas cards and calendars. Why not join the Christmas Club and spread the cost of Christmas?

PARISH INCOME

Parish income: £930.00
Sort Code: 80 12 97
Account number: 10243263